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I object to, and ask for the repeal of, the tax on car wash services, particularly since the tax calculation on a coin-operated service simply cannot be fairly administered. That is, such a coin-operated service cannot set a coin-feed mechanism to reflect accurately a percentage tax on the given service cost. For example, a mechanized car wash I frequent in Bristol provides a four-minute wash cycle for

\$2.50, or 10 quarters, the only coin denomination allowed. A 6.35% tax on that cost yields 15.875 cents. Presumably, the service operator would have to charge an extra quarter, or 9.125 cents in excess of the tax, to accommodate this tax provision. Even assuming that the operator could consider this a price increase, the core problem is that the service operator would have to purchase new coin-op machinery or pay to have the machinery and accompanying signage accept an additional quarter. The car wash in Bristol has chosen NOT to raise the price of the service, and is thereby, absorbing the cost of the tax increase. This is, as first noted, an unfair administration of a tax provision.

This state has much deeper funding/spending problems to reconcile, and should address those issues, rather than constantly nickel-and-diming, in this case, almost literally, through such taxing provisions as the tax on car washes.